

City of Long Beach, City Prosecutor



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City Prosecutor Interns Shine

This summer the City Prosecutor's Office took the traditional concept of a summer internship program – then supersized it.

Eighteen - yes, eighteen - local college students and high school seniors were invited to become City Prosecutor Interns, giving them a rare, behind-the-scenes look at the bustling world of a prosecutor at one of the busiest municipal prosecuting agencies in the country.

While some internships are designed to give hands-on experience in a rather specific career path, the City Prosecutor Internship was created to go beyond and expose students to many law-related careers, while also examining the social issues involved in the criminal justice system.

experiences that interns will remember for years, and such experiences will give them a larger view of criminal justice in their own community.

Interns also performed office duties, took a boat tour of the Harbor, received a private tour of a police crime laboratory where evidence is examined, visited the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, and participated in public events. The highlight for some was hearing the stories of judges, prosecutors, and law enforcement officers to learn how their jobs are different, but each one critical to ensuring justice is preserved in our democracy.

2015 was the first time interns were accepted into the City Prosecutor's Office. The inaugural program coincided with the Mayor's call for more internships as a workforce-readiness strategy. The growth of the program this year to 18 interns is notable.

"Supporting these students not only benefits them and



Bottom row left to right: Amir Mason-Bradley, Riley Minkoff, Brenda Perez-Leyva, Marissa Pena, Barany Lach, Carolyn Barker, Lance Cotton, Top row left to right: Andrew Ahrens, Sierra Williams, Adonis Rubio, Myles Roach, Ila Oliver, Jack Wilson, Luis Bermejo

The goals of the internship program are three-fold: to teach students how the criminal justice system really works, including its many challenges; to teach them about their home city, Long Beach; and to create a unique experience that will expand their views and make them more employable when each enters the professional workforce.

That last goal, creating an "experience" for interns, is the heart and soul of the program. What is learned in a classroom is often retained by a student for a short time, but practical, real-world experiences are more likely to be kept for a lifetime.

For example, City Prosecutor Interns may never become criminal prosecutors or even attorneys, but going on a ride-along with police officers, watching a real murder trial in action, and observing as 911 emergency calls are received and routed to police and fire personnel are the kind of

their families, it strengthens our global competitiveness and helps to keep more of our graduates here in Long Beach contributing to our city's economic development and cultural life," said Mayor Robert Garcia about local internships.

The City Prosecutor Internship program aligns well with the City's efforts to increase the number of internships available to local youth, but it also gives students a deeper understanding of important criminal justice concepts. It has never been more important than now to educate our youth on how the American justice system functions, because one day soon it will be entrusted to them and become their responsibility.

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Long Beach City Prosecutor's Office Summer Interns 2016

Andrew Ahrens

California State University Long Beach
Graduated from Los Alamitos High School

Carolyn Barker

Northern Arizona University
Graduated from Robert A. Millikan High School

Luis Victor Bermejo

California State University Long Beach
Graduated from Huntington Park High School

Lance Cotton

California State University Long Beach
Graduated from Woodrow Wilson Classical High School

Jorge Garcia

California State University Long Beach
Graduated from Robert A. Millikan High School

Barany Chan Lach

California State University Long Beach
Graduated from Long Beach Polytechnic High School

Amir Mason-Bradley

California Polytechnic State University San Luis Obispo
Graduated from Lakewood High School

Riley Minkoff

Muhlenberg College
Graduated from Robert A. Millikan High School

Logan Richmond Nantais

Senior at Woodrow Wilson Classical High School

Ila Elizabeth Oliver

Long Beach City College
Graduated from Woodrow Wilson Classical High School

Marissa Pena

Currently attending Cypress College and will be transferring to California State University Long Beach

Brenda Perez Leyva

California State University Long Beach
Graduated from Robert A. Millikan High School

Myles C. Roach

Senior at Long Beach Polytechnic High School

Adonis Alexandre Rubio

Senior at Woodrow Wilson Classical High School

Taylor Steinhauser

Northern Arizona University
Graduated from St. Anthony Catholic High School

Sierra Nicole Williams

Boise State University
Graduated from Mira Costa High School

Jack Wilson

California State University Long Beach
Graduated from Ayala High School, Chino Hills, CA

